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THE YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK, LIMITED.
ESTABLISHED 1880.

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED Yen 24,000,000
CAPITAL PAID UP 18,000,000
CAPITAL UNCALLED 6,000,000
RESERVE FUND 9,520,000

Head Office—YOKOHAMA.

Branches and Agencies:

TOKIO. LONDON. NEW YORK.
NAGASAKI. HONOLULU.
LYONS. SAN FRANCISCO. SHANGHAI.
BOMBAY. NEWCHWANG.
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THE LONDON JOINT STOCK BANK, LTD.
PARKS' BANK, LTD.
THE UNION OF LONDON AND
SMITH'S BANK, LTD.

HONGKONG BRANCH—INTEREST ALLOWED.
On Current Account at the rate of 2 per cent.
per Annum on the Daily Balance.

On fixed deposits for 12 months at 5 per cent.

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TAKEO TAKAMICHI,
Manager.

Hongkong, 17th January, 1905. [20]

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI
BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL \$10,000,000

RESERVE FUND—
Sterling Reserve \$10,000,000
Silver Reserve \$ 7,000,000

RESERVE LIABILITY OF PROP'TORS. \$10,000,000

COURT OF DIRECTORS:

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H. E. TOMKINS, Esq., Deputy Chairman.
E. Goetz, Esq.
Hon. W. J. Gresson.
A. Haupl, Esq.
H. Schubert, Esq.
E. Shellim, Esq.

CHIEF MANAGER:
Hongkong—J. R. M. SMITH.
MANAGER:
Shanghai—H. M. BEVIS.

LONDON BANKERS—LONDON AND COUNTY
BANKING COMPANY, LIMITED.

HONGKONG—INTEREST ALLOWED:
On Current Account at the rate of 2 per Cent.
per Annum on the daily balance.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS:
For 3 months, 2½ per Cent. per Annum.
For 6 months, 3½ per Cent. per Annum.
For 12 months, 4 per Cent. per Annum.

J. R. M. SMITH,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 20th August, 1904. [21]

HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

THE BUSINESS of the above Bank is conducted
by the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI
BANKING CORPORATION. Rules may be
obtained on application.

INTEREST on deposits is allowed at 3½ per
cent. per annum.

Depositors may transfer at their option
balances of \$100 or more to the HONGKONG AND
SHANGHAI BANK to be placed on FIXED
DEPOSIT at 4 PER CENT. per annum.

For the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI
BANKING CORPORATION,
J. R. M. SMITH,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 1st May, 1902. [22]

THE DEUTSCH ASIATISCHE BANK.

AUTHORIZED CAPITAL Sh. Taels 7,500,000
HEAD OFFICE—SHANGHAI.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS: BERLIN.

BRANCHES: Berlin
Calcutta
Hankow
Tientsin
Tsingtau (Kiautschou)

LONDON BANKERS:

Messrs. N. M. ROTHSCHILD & SONS,
UNION OF LONDON AND SMITH'S BANK, LTD.
DEUTSCHE BANK (BERLIN), LONDON AGENCY
DIRECTION DER DISCONTO GESELLSCHAFT.

INTEREST allowed on Current Account.
DEPOSITS received on terms which may be
learned on application. Every description of
Banking and Exchange business transacted.

H. FIGGE,
Manager.

Hongkong, 12th August, 1904. [23]

INSURANCE.

NORTH GERMAN FIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY OF HAMBURG.

THE Undersigned AGENTS of the above
Company are prepared to accept First
Class FOREIGN and CHINESE RISKS in
CURRENT RATES.

SIEMSEN & Co.,
Hongkong, 28th May, 1905. [24]

JAPAN



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(MITSUI & Co.)

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LONDON BRANCH—34, LIME STREET, E.C.
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S. MINAMI, Manager, Hongkong.

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INTERNATIONAL BANKING
CORPORATION.

FISCAL AGENTS FOR THE UNITED STATES
IN CHINA AND THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

CAPITAL AND SURPLUS
AUTORISED GOLD \$10,000,000
CAPITAL PAID UP GOLD \$ 3,947,200
RESERVE FUND GOLD \$ 3,947,200

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LONDON OFFICE: THREADNEEDLE HOUSE, E.C.

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NATIONAL PROVINCIAL BANK OF
ENGLAND, LIMITED,

UNION OF LONDON AND SMITH'S BANK, LTD.
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BRANCHES AND AGENTS ALL OVER THE
WORLD.

THE Corporation transacts every Description
of Banking and Exchange Business,
receives Money in Current Account and
accepts Fixed Deposits at Rates which may be
ascertained on application.

CHARLES R. SCOTT,
Manager.

20, Des Vaux Road,
Hongkong, 3rd January, 1905. [21]

IMPERIAL BANK OF CHINA.

ESTABLISHED BY IMPERIAL DECREE
OF THE 12TH NOVEMBER, 1896

Shanghai Taels.

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL 5,000,000

PAID UP CAPITAL 2,500,000

HEAD OFFICE:—SHANGHAI.

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CHEFOO. SINGAPORE.
HANKOW. TIENSIN.
PEKING.

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Bills of Exchange drawn on the above
Places, and Sells Drafts and Telegraphic Trans
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HONGKONG BRANCH.

Advances made on approved securities.

Bills discounted.

INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS.

3% per Annum Fixed Deposits for 3 months.

4% " " 6 "

5% " " 12 "

E. W. RUTTER,
Manager.

Hongkong, 6th January, 1905. [19]

THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA,
AUSTRALIA AND CHINA.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER, 1853.

HEAD OFFICE:—LONDON.

CAPITAL PAID UP £800,000

RESERVE LIABILITY OF SHARE
HOLDERS £800,000

RESERVE FUND £800,000

INTEREST ALLOWED ON CURRENT
ACCOUNT at the Rate of 2 per cent. per
annum on the Daily Balances.

On Fixed Deposits for 12 months, 4 per cent.

" " 6 "

" " 3 " 3½ "

T. P. COCHRANE,
Manager.

Hongkong, 19th May, 1904. [24]

THE PHARMACY,
DISPENSING AND FAMILY
CHEMISTS.

A WELL ASSORTED STOCK
OF DRUGS, PERFUMERY, TOILET AND
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always on hand.

A large variety of CHOCOLATES, in Fancy
Boxes, at reduced prices, owing to favourable
exchange.

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A. STEVENSON,
Chemist.

Hongkong, 23rd January, 1905. [43]

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MARK

COATS.

Mails.

PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL

STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

FOR	STEAMERS.	TÓ SAIL ON	REMARKS.
SHANGHAI	{ BENGAL { G. Phillips	About 11th February	Freight and Passage.
LONDON, &c.	{ SIMLA { F. R. Summers	Feb. 11th, Noon	See Special Advertisement.
YOKOHAMA VIA SHANGHAI, MOJI AND KOBE,	{ JAPAN { E. P. Martin, R.N.R.	About 10th February	Passage.
(Passing through the Inland Sea.)	PEKIN { W. W. Cooke, R.N.R.	About 13th February	Freight only.
KOBE (DIRECT)	CHARLES R. SCOTT, Superintendent.	February	
MARSEILLES, LONDON and ANTWERP (Direct), VIA JAVA, SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO and PORT SAID	SHANGHAI	10th February	
Also	TIENSIN	15th February	
LONDON, NEW YORK, BOSTON, BALTIMORE, NEW ORLEANS, GALVESTON, AND SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS;	TIENSIN	20th February	
Stammers will call at GIBRALTAR and SOUTHAMPTON to land Passengers and luggage.	TIENSIN	25th February	

For further particulars, apply to

E. A. HEWETT, Superintendent.

Hongkong, 3rd February, 1905. [2]

IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINE.

NUERDEUTSCHER LLOYD, BREMEN.

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Steamers will call at GIBRALTAR and SOUTHAMPTON to land Passengers and luggage.

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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.)

STEAMERS.

ZIETEN WEDNESDAY, 15th February.

SACHSEN WEDNESDAY, 1st March.

PRINZESS

Shipping—Steamers.

HONGKONG, CANTON, MACAO AND
WEST RIVER STEAMERS.JOINT SERVICE OF THE HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO
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S.S. "HONAM,"	2,363 tons,	Captain H. D. Jones.
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" " "HANKOW,"	3,073 "	C. V. Lloyd.
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Departures on Sundays at 12:30 P.M.

Departures from Macao to Hongkong daily at 8:30 A.M.

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THE CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LTD., AND THE INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LTD.

CANTON-WUCHOW LINE.

S.S. "SAINAM,"	588 tons,	Captain J. Wilcox.
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" " "NANNING,"	569 "	C. Butchart.
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HONGKONG-WUCHOW LINE.

S.S. "LINTAN,"	Capt. B. Branch.	S.S. "SANUI," Capt. H. Black
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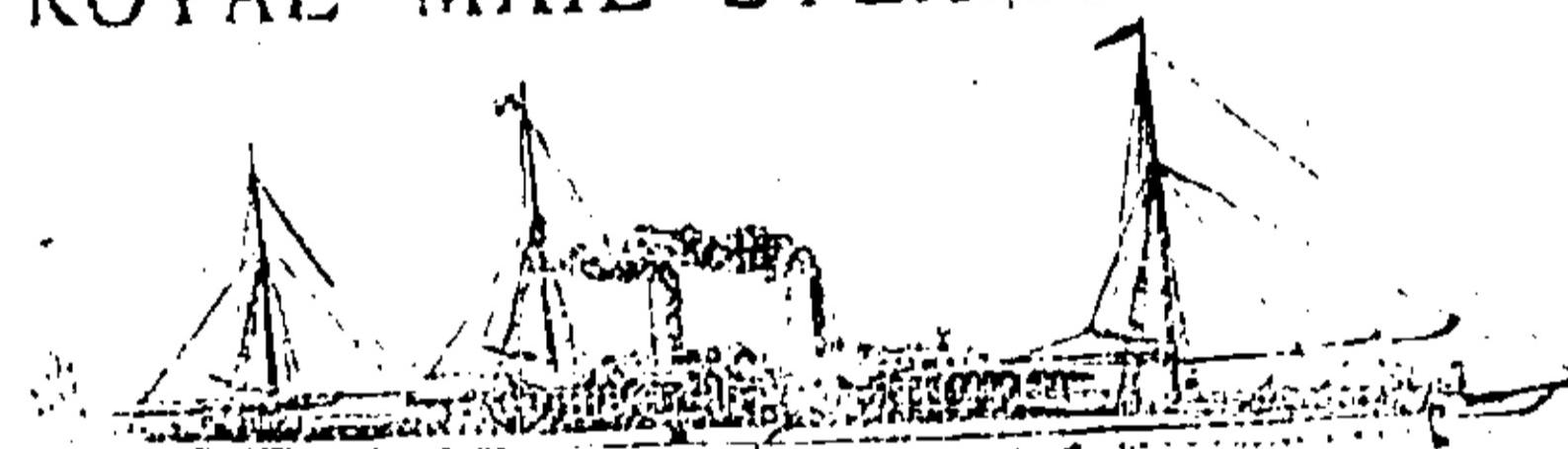
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Hongkong, 5th January, 1905.

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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.—(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION).

R.M.S. "EMPERESS OF JAPAN," 6,000 Tons, WEDNESDAY, 8th March.

" " "ATHENIAN," 2,440 " WEDNESDAY, 15th March.

" " "EMPERESS OF CHINA," 6,000 " WEDNESDAY, 29th March.

" " "EMPERESS OF INDIA," 6,000 " WEDNESDAY, 19th April.

" " "TARTAR," 4,425 " WEDNESDAY, 26th April.

" " "EMPERESS OF JAPAN," 6,000 " WEDNESDAY, 10th May.

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Hongkong, 8th February, 1905.

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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

STEAMERS DESTINATIONS SAILING DATES.

SPEZIA	HAVRE AND HAMBURG.	21st Feb.	Freight.
Ehlers	(Calling at SPORE & COLOMBO)	21st Feb.	Freight.
ALESIA	HAVRE, ANTWERP and HAMBURG.	24th Feb.	Freight.
Sachs	(Calling at SPORE, PENANG & COLOMBO)	9th March.	Freight.
SAMBIA	HAVRE AND HAMBURG.	21st March.	Freight and Passengers.
Lining	(Calling at SPORE, PENANG & COLOMBO)	21st March.	Freight and Passengers.
RHENANIA	MARSEILLES, HAVRE & HAMBURG.	4th April.	Freight.
Bethens	(Calling at SPORE, PENANG & COLOMBO)	4th April.	Freight.
SUEVIA	HAVRE AND HAMBURG.	4th April.	Freight.
Knaisel	(Calling at SPORE, PENANG & COLOMBO)	FOR ODESSA.	

With Transhipment at Singapore.

ARCADIA, Captain Förck, to sail from Singapore about 2nd February, Freight.

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Hongkong, 6th February, 1905.

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Hongkong, 16th November, 1904.

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THERAPION is sold by the principal Chemists and Druggists throughout the Empire. It is also sold in America, Australia, South Africa, and elsewhere under the Trade Mark, which is a facsimile of word "THERAPION" in capital letters on a red ground, enclosed in a square frame, and followed by the words "by order of His Majesty's His Britannic Majesty's Chemist and Druggist, and without which it is a forgery."

Sold by A. S. WATSON & Co., Limited, Hongkong, China and Manila. [B]

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CHANTS, NAVAL CONTRACTORS

AND GENERAL COMMISSION

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COMPOSITION RED HAND

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LAUNCHES,

&c., &c., &c.

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HONGKONG;

Hongkong, 2nd February, 1905. [125]

Auction.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions
to Sell by
PUBLIC AUCTION,
on
WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY,
the 15th and 16th February, 1905, at 10 A.M.
each day at
H. M. NAVAL YARD,
SUNDRY NAVAL, VICTUALLING,
OBsolete AND CONDEMNED
STORES,
Comprising:—

BOATS' ENGINES, WILLAN'S ELECTRIC LIGHT ENGINE, ELECTRIC CARBLE, MACHINES VENTILATING AND DRILLING, LATHE, BRASS, COPPER, IRON, MANGANESE, BRONZE, PAPER-STUFF, CANVAS, FURNITURE, BLANKETS, PROVISIONS, IMPLEMENTS, &c.

TERMS OF SALE.—As customary.

HUGHES & HOUGH,
Government Auctioneers.

Hongkong, 7th February, 1905. [121]

HONGKONG BENEVOLENT
SOCIETY.

THE RELIEF OF THE DISTRESSED.

INTERESTING LEGISLATION CONTEMPLATED.

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Hon. F. H. May then moved that the meeting adopt the following resolution: "That this Society should adopt the scheme for dealing with deserving, distressed seamen, set out in the letter from His Excellency the Governor under date of the 28th January, to the President of this Society." He said the scheme had a two-fold object. The first was to enable the Society to deal effectively with a certain class of those who applied to it for assistance—a class of seamen, and it was proposed that these cases should be investigated by competent authorities at the Sailors' Home. The second object was to relieve the Society of the expense entailed by dealing with these cases, by inviting individual members of the Society, or outsiders, to become guarantors to the guarantee fund. That was really the case in a nutshell. He might say at once to relieve the minds of those who might think that the adoption of such a scheme would attract to their shores a larger number of undesirables, that the Governor had in contemplation fresh legislation to make it more difficult for destitutes to be dumped in Hongkong than it was at present. (Applause.) No matter how closely they wove the meshes there would always be loop-holes, and there was no doubt that, however tight they made the law, cases of destitution would crop up. Where seamen were concerned, he thought the members of the Society would agree with him, that it was desirable that they should be dealt with by the authorities who were accustomed to deal with them. It therefore seemed to him that the scheme was a good one. It would assist the Society, and he did not think there was any fear that it would attract more destitutes to their shores.

Mr. E. A. Hewett seconded, and said he understood before he came to the meeting that they would probably be asked to express an opinion on the scheme as proposed by the Governor. He must confess that he had been somewhat taken by surprise after hearing the remarks of the Chairman. He was very glad to hear Mr. May's resolution, and he thought if it was put forward, the result would be good.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 1st to 11th February, 1905, both days inclusive.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 26th January, 1905. [180]

HONGKONG ICE COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE TWENTY-FOURTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Offices of the General Managers, Pelder's Street, at 12.30 P.M., on MONDAY, 13th February, to receive a Statement of the Company's Accounts to 31st December, 1904, and the Report of the General Managers.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 3rd to the 13th February, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.,

General Managers.

Hongkong, 28th January, 1905. [187]

THE HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE SEVENTY-SEVENTH ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Office of the Company, No. 18, Bank Buildings, Queen's Road Central, on TUESDAY, the 14th February, at 12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts, declaring a Dividend, confirming the appointment of a Director, and electing Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 31st January to the 14th February, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

T. ARNOLD,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 24th January, 1905. [166]

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE is hereby given that the ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY MEETING OF THE SHAREHOLDERS in this Corporation will be held at the CITY HALL, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the eighteenth day of February, 1905, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Court of Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1904.

By Order of the Court of Directors,

J. R. M. SMITH,

Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 31st January, 1905. [196]

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE is hereby given that the REGISTRY OF SHARES of the Corporation will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the fourth, to the eighteenth day of February, 1905, (both days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Court of Directors,

J. R. M. SMITH,

Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 31st January, 1905. [197]

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held in the Offices of the Company, Queen's Buildings, New Praya, on MONDAY, the 20th February, 1905, at 12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts to the 31st December, 1904.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 6th to the 20th February, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

THOS. L. ROSE,

Secretary.

Hongkong, 26th January, 1905. [177]

HUMPHREYS' ESTATE AND FINANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on

and after this date interest at the rate

of 8% per annum will be charged upon all Calls

in respect of SHARES NOT FULLY PAID UP from the day appointed for Payment of such

Calls, namely 31st January, 1905.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,

General Managers.

Hongkong, 13th January, 1905. [128]

Intimations.

E. S. R.

THE VICTORIA SCHOOL AT TANG-LUNG-CHAU, for Children of EUROPEAN BRITISH SUBJECTS, will be OPENED on March 20th, 1905.

The School will be open to Children of both sexes, but Girls over 12 years of age will not be admitted. For further particulars, application should be made to the Education Department.

EDWARD A. IRVING,
Insp. of Schools.
Hongkong, 7th February, 1905. [125]

NOTICE.

THE HONGKONG AND CHINA GAS CO., LTD., beg to notify the Public that the PRICE OF GAS will be REDUCED from \$3.50 to \$3.00 per 1,000 cubic feet, as from the 1st February, 1905.

GEORGE CURRY,
Local Secretary.
Hongkong, 1st February, 1905. [198]

NOTICE TO SHIPPERS.

THE NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA are prepared, during suspension of their Trans-Pacific Service and until further notice, to BOOK CARGO and ISSUE BILLS OF LADING to SEATTLE, WASH., VICTORIA, B.C., and PACIFIC COAST PORTS, also, to OVERLAND POINTS in the UNITED STATES and CANADA in connection with the GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY FROM SEATTLE, as hitherto, by the Steamers of the NORTHERN PACIFIC S. S. CO., BOSTON STEAMSHIP and TOWBOAT CO., OCEAN S. S. CO. and CHINA MUTUAL S. N. CO.

For further Particulars, apply at the Company's Local Branch Office in PRINCE'S BUILDINGS, First Floor, Chater Road.

B. MORI,
Acting Manager.
Hongkong, 24th January, 1905. [68]



THIS DWARF RAZOR has superseded the old fashioned clumsy Razor and by its old fashioned clumsy Razor and by its special amalgam of steel which makes imitation impossible, and in consequence it enjoys the largest sale of any Razor in the World. Thousands of Testimonials testify that the little "MAB" is the finest shaving implement ever produced.

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For particulars and terms, apply to—
HOWARD & CO.
Hongkong, 24th November, 1904. [63]

ESPECIAL OLD TOM GIN.
Marshall and Elvy's

BARRETTO & CO.,
General Agents, Hongkong.

DOUBLY DISTILLED
AND OF
MATURED AGE.
TO BE OBTAINED FROM—
THE MUTUAL STORES,
Des Voeux Road.
Hongkong, 11th May, 1904. [53]

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SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 2nd September, 1904. [50]

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Everything of the best, prepared and served under entirely European Management.

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The Weismanns' Most Up-to-date Cafe in the Orient.

Hongkong, 17th December, 1904. [46]

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BARRETT & CO.,
Agents,
Nos. 22 & 24, Bank Buildings,
Queen's Road Central,
Hongkong, 26th January, 1905. [44]

Intimations.

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Hongkong, 13th January, 1905.

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The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 1905.

THE HEALTH OF THE COLONY.

Those members of the Press in several Oriental ports who have occasionally allowed themselves to become hysterical over the appearance of various forms of communicable disease in Hongkong, will be surprised, perhaps, to learn that in this "perennial pest" of the Far East, the natural place of plague, Asiatic cholera, small-pox, and every other zymotic ill that Chinese flesh is heir to, "disease is by no means so prevalent as they would lead us to believe." This interesting fact is brought to notice to-day by the publication of a return showing the number of cases of communicable diseases which have been notified as occurring in the Colony during the week ended the 4th inst. It is by far the blackest record that has been issued for many months, and really places the Colony in a much worse position than is usually the case during the period when epizootic plague is supposed to exist. During the seven days, ended Saturday last, four Chinese died of plague, and as but two cases have occurred since, the number on record since the beginning of the year is only fifteen. Small-pox has increased slightly, though nothing like to such dimensions as some alarmists try to make out. During the week there were seven cases all told two of which had a fatal termination. Five of the sufferers were among the European community; one was a Chinese case and the other was that of a Filipino. We are not told whether either of these cases was imported from Shanghai, where, by the way, according to some of the Northern journals, an epidemic of small-pox at present exists, and in the absence of such information we must arrive at the happy conclusion that not even a "trivial case" has been brought in steamers from the Model Settlement. Diphtheria, relapsing fever and scarlet fever each add one case to the returns, making for the week, in a Colony with a population numbering close upon three hundred thousand inhabitants, fourteen cases of communicable diseases with but six deaths, four of which were from plague—the most fatal disease found in Hongkong. Those who understand so thoroughly the loving interest of Britshers' resident away from the Colony in our welfare, will smile at the frequent agitated inquiries as to the health of Hongkong and its cosmopolitan community.

EDWARD Tock, a German, was charged before Mr. H. H. J. Gompertz, at the Magistracy this morning, with assaulting Paul Leinenring and Edward Ludwig in Queen's Road Central. He was also charged with disorderly conduct at the same place. Defendant pleaded not guilty, but said he did strike the complainants, "because I had to." The complainants being unable to speak intelligible English, Mr. John Lance, Chief Inspector of Detectives, interpreted for them at the request of the Court. Defendant said that the first complainant used bad language to him, and so he certainly struck him "as it was the proper thing to do." The two complainants were fighting and he tried to separate them, and then they "interfered with him; and that led to the trouble." He had, witnesses, but they did not want to be troubled to come to Court in such a matter! Edward was fined \$10.

THE boxing contest at Kowloon for the championship of the Fleet commence tomorrow evening, and will be continued on Friday and Saturday evenings. There is a very large list of entries, and the sport is certain to be capital.

WITH reference to the murderous assault made upon Chinese constable Fan Ching, in the New Territory on the 31st ulto., we learn that several arrests were made yesterday, and it is said that the men taken were identified by the constable as his assailants. They now await trial until the man Fan Ching is able to leave hospital, where he is at present detained.

THE following telegraphic information, dated the 1st inst., has been received from the Sumatra Director and Manager of the Maatschappij tot Mijn-Boschsen-Landbouwexploitatie in Langkat, Ld.:—

Gallons. Daily aggregate output of Crude Petrol.

Lemur 87,000

Crude Petroleum in Tanks at date 260,000

Cases.

Kerosene made since the date of the preceding 4-monthly telegram 83,000

Kerosene shipped since the date of the preceding half-monthly telegram 63,000

Kerosene in stock at Refinery at date 84,000

THE Theatre Royal was almost crowded last night, on the occasion of the variety entertainment given by the Pollard Lilliputian Opera Company. The Company only arrived from Manila on Monday night where they have had a phenomenally successful season, and left today for Vancouver and the United States where it is expected they will be engaged for quite eighteen months, and are under contract to play in some of the largest theatres and cities in the Union. We wish them every success and prosperity. Last night's performance consisted of excerpts from the many popular operas in their repertoire, which they gave in excellent style. Practically every member of the Company contributed, and in every case the item was completely enjoyable.

W. J. GRESSON,
Chairman.
Hongkong, 3rd February, 1905.

NAVAL NOTES.

H.M.S. "VENGEANCE".

As recorded in our columns last evening the British battleship "Vengeance," which was due to leave here for Malta on Friday, has been detained, and we understand that there is every probability of the vessel being ordered to proceed to Ceylon and re-commissioning at Colombo.

H.M.S. "Dreadnought" will be joining the China Squadron very shortly, as it is understood she has received orders to commission on the 4th March to relieve the "Amphitrite" now on the station.

There is to be another slight alteration in the outward appearance of H.M.S.'s ship, it being stated an order will shortly be issued directing the gaff to be dispensed with.

THE HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO STEAM-BOAT CO., LTD.

Following is the report of the board of directors to the ordinary half-yearly meeting of shareholders to be held at the office of the company, on Tuesday, the 14th inst., at 12 o'clock, noon:—

The directors beg to submit to the shareholders the report and statement of accounts for the half-year ending 31st December last.

After paying running expenses, salaries, premia of insurance, repairs and all other outgoings, there remains, including \$16,362.85 brought forward from last account, the sum of \$106,60.88 at credit of profit and loss account. From this amount the directors recommend that a dividend of one dollar per share or \$80,000 be paid to shareholders, leaving a balance of \$26,60.88 to be carried forward to new account.

The adverse conditions of the trade mentioned in the last report have continued during the six months under review and there is nothing of special interest in connection with the working of the steamers to comment upon.

M. H. E. Tomkins resigned his seat at the board in consequence of his intended departure from the Colony and Mr. F. Salinger was nominated by the directors to fill the vacancy subject to confirmation by the shareholders at this meeting.

The retiring auditors, Messrs. A. O'D. Gourdin and W. H. Potts offer themselves for re-election.

W. J. GRESSON,
Chairman.

Hongkong, 3rd February, 1905.

December 31st, 1904.

ASSETS.

Value of steamers *Huanum*, *Pewani*, *Heungshan*, *Lungshan*, 1/2s of *Parshan* and *Kiu-shan*, and 1/2d of *Sai-nam*, *Nanning*, *Tak-Hing*, *Lintan* & *Sanui*, as per last account 942,800.00

Final payment account 1,300.00

Value of lighters *Sun Lee* and *Woo Lee* 8,500.00

Value of wharves, hulls, and moorings 8,150.00

Value of properties at Canton, *Wuchow* and *Kongmum* 137,846.67

Value of spare gear 15,080.61

Value of furniture 750.00

Value of shares in public companies 653,710.00

Value of Chinese bonds 1,034.48

Loans on mortgage 544,000.00

Interest accrued 2,560.25

Sundry debtors 11,136.63

\$2,399,668.74

December 31st, 1904.

LIABILITIES.

Amount of capital, 80,000 shares of \$1 each, fully paid up \$1,200,000.00

Amount at credit of depreciation and insurance fund 600,000.00

Amount at credit of equalization of dividend fund 250,000.00

Amount at credit of investment fluctuation account 158,444.38

Unclaimed dividends 5,793.00

Sundry creditors 36,926.36

Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation current account 42,344.12

Amount at credit of profit and loss account 106,163.88

\$2,399,668.74

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT.

December 31st, 1904.

Dr.

To amount paid for repairs to strts. \$13,391.22

" directors and auditors' fees 4,750.00

Balance to be appropriated, viz.—

Dividend of \$1 per share on 80,000 shares \$80,000.00

To be carried forward to profit and loss account 26,160.88

\$106,160.88

\$124,302.10

By amount brought forward from last account \$1,362.85

" net earnings of steamers 65,000.17

" interest on investments 42,821.08

" transfer fees 112.00

\$124,302.10

DEPRECIATION AND INSURANCE FUND.

December 31st, 1904.

Dr.

To balance \$600,000.00

Cr.

June 30th, 1904.

By amount at credit \$600,000.00

\$600,000.00

EQUALIZATION OF DIVIDEND FUND.

Dr.

December 31st, 1904.

Dr.

To balance \$250,000.00

\$250,000.00

By amount at credit \$350,000.00

\$350,000.00

E. & O. E.

Hongkong, 3rd February, 1905.

T. ARNOLD,
Secretary.

We have compared the above statement with the books, vouchers and securities of the company, and certify the same to be correct.

A. O'D. GOURDIN, Auditor.

W. HUTSON POTTS, Auditor.

TURF TOPICS.

All this morning's gallops were performed on the inner track, and subjoined is given the record of times. For sake of brevity (b) when used against any pony denotes "boy rider."

Fiscal, 1/2 mile, (?) 36, 1.10, 1.45, 2.19.

Rare Rose, 1/2 mile, (?) 37, 1.08, 1.43, 2.21.

Coronet Rose, 1/2 mile, 38, 1.13, 1.48, 2.21.

2,55, 3.74.

La France Rose, (b), 1/2 mile, 39, 1.13, 1.48,

2,23, 2.55 2/5.

Marechal Nic Rose, (b), 1/2 mile, (?), (?),

34, 1.13, 1.47 1/5; finished lame.

Empress of India Rose, 1/2 mile, joined by

High Frequency, 1/2 mile, 34, 1.07, 1.40 4/5,

2.15; being whipped at the finish.

Lamarque Rose, (b), and Gem Rose, (b), 1/2

mile, 35 1/5, 1.10 2/5, 1.44 2/5, 2.19 2/5.

Invincible Rose and Rosy Morris Rose, (b),

1/2 mile, 37, 1.15, 1.48 3/5, 2.22, 2.56 2/5.

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TELEGRAMS.

[Reuters.]

Great Britain and Germany.

LONDON, 6th February.

With reference to the speech of Mr. Arthur H. Lee, M.P., Civil Lord of the Admiralty, in which he was reported to have stated that it was not so much required of Great Britain that she should keep her eyes on France in the Mediterranean as she had to look with more anxiety, though no fear, to North Sea, that was the reason why the fleets had been redistributed, and that if war was declared the British Navy would get a blow in first. Mr. Lee now writes that he was incorrectly reported; that what he actually said was that Great Britain must assume that all foreign naval powers were possible enemies, and that owing to the growth of these naval powers, and these being more numerous than hitherto, Great Britain has to keep an anxious eye, not only on the Mediterranean and the Atlantic, but the North Sea also.

The speech has caused a sensation in Germany, and the papers are angrily demanding an explanation. The Standard's Berlin correspondent learns that, unless Lord Lansdowne promptly repudiates the speech, Germany will ask for an explanation.

Later.

A New Russian Loan.

Negotiations have been completed for the issue of a five per centum Russian loan in Paris of nearly a milliard of francs.

Finland.

M. Johnson, procurator of the Senate at Helsinki, has been assassinated, and his son wounded by a man disguised as an officer.

[According to the telegram received from our London correspondent and printed in these columns last evening, it was at first reported that M. Johnson had been killed. Subsequent investigation, however, showed that his son was wounded while M. Johnson was unharmed.—Ed., H.K.T.]

ROYAL NAVAL TEMPERANCE SOCIETY.

Under the auspices of the Royal Naval Temperance Society, a very pleasant social reunion took place in St. George's Hall last night at half past seven o'clock. The function was held not only to review, but to stimulate, interest in and sympathy with, the admirable work done by Miss Weston for the sailors, which has rightly earned for her the designation of the "Sailor's friend." There was a very large attendance of local residents, as well as many officers and men from the vessels in harbour. The hall, which had been assigned for the function, had been placed in the hands of Mr. Campbell, H.M.S. Centurion, for the purpose of decoration, and excellently did he do the work with the able assistance of a number of signalmen from the fleet in harbour. At the hour appointed the Rev. M. Mulineux, R.N., took the chair, and called upon the Rev. C. H. Hickling to open proceedings which he did by suitable prayers, following by the singing of the well-known hymn, "Oh, rally in your thousands!" Mr. H. Gibbs, R.N., then briefly addressed the assembly, pointing out that the efforts being made on behalf of sailors in all the sea-ports of the earth were entirely undenominational, and were for the benefit of all alike, of whatever colour or creed. The men must do their share of the work in forming themselves into bands for unity, for mutual assistance towards universal sobriety among seamen, whether belonging to the service or to the mercantile marine.—The prayers and address over a very enjoyable programme of instrumental and vocal items was rendered.

WATER RETURN.

Level and Storage of Water in Reservoirs on the 1st February.

	1904.	1905.
Tyam...	{ 27' 5" below } overflow	21' 9" below
Byewash...	—	{ 28' 4" below }
Pokfulam...	{ 31' 10" below } overflow	21' 8" below
Wong-nai...	{ 23' 9" below } overflow	{ 44' 8" below }
cheung...	—	STORAGE GALLONS.
	1904.	1905.
Tyam.....	192,460,000	225,039,000
Byewash.....	—	—
Pokfulam.....	6,160,000	21,225,000
Wong-nai-cheung...	7,384,000	132,000
Total.....	205,001,000	246,37,000

Consumption of Water in the City of Victoria and Hill District during the month of January, 1904, 1905.

Consumption, po-	180,761,000	122,428,000 gallons
pulation	222,100	226,900

Consumption per head per day..... 11.7 17.4 gallons

Intermittent supply during the month of January, 1904.

Constant supply during the month of January, 1905.

Consumption of Water in Kowloon Peninsula during the month of January, 1904, 1905.

Consumption...	14,481,000	13,453,000 gallons
Estimated popu-	65,900	71,650

Consumption per head per day..... 7.0 6.0 gallons

The Government Analyst reports that the water is of excellent quality.

P. N. H. JONES,
Water Authority.

THERE is a rumour in the Peking Palaces that his Imperial Majesty Kuang Hsu is to be allowed once more to hold the reins of Government, next spring, while his aged Aunt seeks rest and leisure at Echo Park Palace, which has been embellished during the past fifteen months with many new buildings, a foreign girl one amongst the number.

HONGKONG BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

THE RELIEF OF THE DISTRESSED.

INTRO RESTING, LEGISLATION CONTEMPLATED

they ought to be able to get a larger list of subscribers. He called attention to the limited numbers in the expectation that when the paucity of numbers was made public it would at once be followed by a large and increased list. The subscription was very small,—only \$12 a year, and it was absolutely necessary, if the Society was to have any power for practical good, that the number of those who subscribed \$12 should be very materially increased. He hoped that when that meeting gathered again at the end of the current year, that the Report would show a very greatly increased number of subscribers. The number of cases assisted, showed the good work that had been done, and as he had said the only reason more good had not been accomplished was for want of money at their disposal.

Mr. E. A. Hewett moved the adoption of the Report and Accounts, and very earnestly endorsed all the Chairman had said about the necessity for an increased number of subscribers to that worthy Society. It seemed incredible when they came to think of it that in a large and wealthy place like Hongkong there were only 81 subscribers to the Benevolent Society. Probably, in some cases \$12 a year might be too much for many Europeans in Hongkong, and he presumed he was right in supposing that the Society would gladly receive donations how ever small, and by this means very materially increase the funds at their disposal. Another matter he would like to refer to was the question of marriages between white women and Chinese, mention being made of a case in the Report. In many cases these marriages were followed by great destitution and distress, and it was incumbent upon them to do all in their power to prevent such marriages.

Hon. Mr. F. H. May seconded, and the motion was unanimously adopted.

The Chairman, on behalf of the Committee, said they would be very grateful for any donation however small. It would be useful.

FILLING VACANCIES.

Lady Berkeley, Hon. Mrs. Barnes-Lawrence, Mrs. Siebs, Mrs. Hickling and Mrs. Piercy were elected to fill vacancies on the Committee, several ladies having retired in view of an early departure home.

A SCHEME OF RELIEF.

The Chairman said they had now before them a proposal by which the Benevolent Society might make themselves still more useful. The proposal, in short, was that the Society might allow itself to be, as it were, an almoner of certain charitably disposed persons, who desired to relieve the necessities of persons, who, however, undesirable, were in the Colony, and as the report pointed out, it was impossible to prevent coming here. Though this class of destitute suffering people were deserving of help, the class that was most largely found wasteful of the seaman—the sailor. Well, so far as the man who was known to them as the "D. B. S." was concerned he was provided for. The Merchant Shipping Act provided that the Shipping Master of every British port had to take charge of the man, and find him a ship as soon as he could, and in the meantime must provide him with board and lodging, the expense being ultimately defrayed by the Imperial Government through the medium of the Board of Trade.

There was another person, the foreign sailor, who ought to be looked after by his nationals, but he was not. Well in those cases, where properly discharged from a British ship, the British Government looked after him. There were cases where the Consuls did not think them worthy of help and would not help them. Then there was the class of seamen, they might call wasters. Well the object of this resolution was to give even these men a chance, men who in a sense did not deserve it. Well they could not go far wrong in giving any man a chance (Applause). And then again there was the criminal class. The funds of the Benevolent Society would not be encroached upon if the resolution was adopted. What it was suggested to do was that there should be five or six persons in the community who would be willing to get together a certain sum of money and form a sort of Limited Liability Charity Insurance Company. Anybody who liked to join this society, and form a guarantee, would, it was expected, ask the Benevolent Society to act as almoner, to pay out so much a week as the case might be to the Rev. J. H. France, who would undertake to distribute it properly and to those needing relief. Well, the suggestion was that the guarantee should be limited to sixty dollars per man, per annum, and any man able and willing to contribute that sum could do. What they had to discuss that afternoon, was whether they would sanction the Benevolent Society becoming the medium of charity in the direction he had indicated. Personally he had a strong objection to the scheme to commence with, because he thought it was meant to make a charge upon the funds of the Society, but this would not be the case, and all the Society was asked to do, was to act as almoner. So that if it should happen to be possible to find a sufficiently large number of charitable people to make the scheme a success, they might rely upon the funds being distributed well and efficiently.

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THE WEATHER.

The following report is from Mr. J. I. Plummer, Chief Assistant of the Hongkong Observatory:

On the 8th at 11.45 a.m. The barometer has risen throughout China and in Formosa and the Philippines and has fallen in Japan and over the neighbouring portion of the Pacific.

An area of high pressure is again formed in the interior and north of China and gradients are becoming steep upon the east coast. Strong NE. monsoon will be met with in the Formosa Channel and to the northward of it, and fresh to strong NE. winds in the northern part of the China Sea.

Forecast:—Fresh N. to NE. winds, overcast, hazy, some drizzling rain.

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

The following is the report of the Court of Directors to the ordinary half-yearly general meeting of shareholders to be held at the City Hall, Hongkong, on Saturday, the 18th February, 1905, at noon.

To the proprietors of the

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

By Amount of net profits for the six months ending 31st Dec., 1904, after making provisions for bad and doubtful debts, deducting all expenses and interest paid and due, 3,852,089.74 \$ 4,745,544.05

STERLING RESERVE FUND.

To Balance, \$10,000,000.00

By Balance 30th June, 1904, (invested in sterling securities), \$10,000,000.00

SILVER RESERVE FUND.

To Balance, \$8,000,000.00

By Balance 30th June, 1904, (invested in silver reserve fund), \$8,000,000.00

A. J. RAYMOND,

A. HAUTT,

W. J. GREGSON,

J. R. M. SMITH, Chief Manager.

C. W. MAY, Chief Accountant.

We have compared the above statement with the books, vouchers and securities of the Head office, and with the returns from the various branches and agencies, and have found the same to be correct.

W. HUTTON POTTS,

A. G. WOOD,

Hongkong, 7th February, 1905.

DIRECTORS.

Mr. H. E. Tomkins has been elected chairman for the year 1905 and Mr. H. A. W. Slade deputy chairman.

Mr. A. J. Raymond, Mr. H. E. Tomkins and Mr. N. A. Siebs retire in rotation, but being eligible for re-election, offer themselves accordingly.

AUDITORS.

The accounts have been audited by Mr. W. Hutton Potts and Mr. A. G. Wood, who offer themselves for re-election.

A. J. RAYMOND,

Chairman,

Hongkong, 7th February, 1905.

ABSTRACT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

31st December, 1904.

Liabilities.

Paid-up capital, \$10,000,000.00

Sterling reserve fund, 10,000,000.00

Silver reserve fund, 7,000,000.00

Marine insurance account, 250,000.00

Notes in circulation—

Authorised is—

sue against securities de-

posited with the Crown

Agents for the Colonies, \$10,000,000.00

Additional issue authorised by

Hongkong Ord. No. 10 of

1900, against

Coin lodged with the

Hongkong Government, 6,422,593.00

16,422,593.00

Current Accounts,—

Silver, \$70,956,898.34

Gold, £3,632,716

105. 7d. = 39,104,887.84

10,061,86.18

Fixed Deposits,—

Silver, \$48,560,443.56

Gold, £15,134,433

165. od. = 55,327,919.12

103,888,362.68

Bills Payable (including Drafts on London Bankers call loans and short sight drawings on London office against bills receivable and bullion shipments), 12,426,024.02

Profit and loss account, 4,745,544.05

Liability on Bills of Exchange—discounted £4,191,572.82. 10d. of which £2,111,482.3d. od. have since run off.

Shipping Steamers.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP CO., LTD.
AND
CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAV. CO., LTD.
JOINT SERVICES.

TAKING CARGO ON THROUGH BILLS OF LADING FOR ALL EUROPEAN,
NORTH AND SOUTH AMERICAN, WEST AUSTRALIAN, JAVA
AND SUMATRA PORTS.

FORTNIGHTLY SAILINGS FOR LONDON AND CONTINENT.
MONTHLY SAILINGS FOR LIVERPOOL.

OUTWARDS.

FROM	STEAMERS	DUE
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"ACHILLES"	21st February,
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"ANTENOR"	23rd February,
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"OOPACK"	27th February,
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"PINGSUEY"	3rd March,
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"ULYSSES"	7th March.

HOMEWARDS.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP	"GLAUCUS"	14th February.
"GENO", MARSEILLES & L'POOL	"AJAX"	20th February.
AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP	"IDOMEENEUS"	28th February.
AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP	"STENTOR"	14th March.
"GENO", MARSEILLES & L'POOL	"PATROCLUS"	20th March.
AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP	"ACHILLES"	28th March.

* Taking cargo for Liverpool at London rates.

TRANS-PACIFIC SERVICE.

FOR	STEAMER	TO SAIL
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA, and all PACIFIC COAST PORTS, vid	"PINGSUEY"	6th March.

For Freight, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
AGENTS.

Hongkong, 7th February, 1905.

CHINA NAVIGATION CO., LIMITED.

FOR	STEAMERS.	TO SAIL
MANILA	"TEAN" *	9th February.
SHANGHAI	"TAIWAN" †	14th "
PORT DARWIN, THURSDAY ISLAND, COOKTOWN, CAIRNS, TOWNSVILLE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY & MELBOURNE	"TSINAN" * †	14th "
SHANGHAI	"HUEPEH" †	18th "
TIENTSIEN	"CHIHLI" *	28th "

* The Attention of Passengers is directed to the Superior Accommodation offered by these steamers, which are fitted throughout with Electric Light. Unrivalled table. A duly qualified Surgeon is carried.

† Taking cargo on through Bills of Lading to all Yangtze and Northern China Ports.

‡ Taking cargo and Passengers at through Rates for all New Zealand and other Australian Ports.

- N.B.—REDUCED SALOON FARES, SINGLE AND RETURN, TO MANILA AND AUSTRALIAN PORTS. (SEE SPECIAL ADVERTISEMENT).

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
AGENTS.

Hongkong, 8th February, 1905.

Shipping—Steamers.

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY,
LIMITED.

AUSTRALIAN LINE.

REDUCTION IN PASSAGE RATES,
From 1st January, 1904.

ALSO REDUCED FARES TO
MANILA AND RETURN.

STEAMERS fitted throughout with Electric
Light, First Class Accommodation. Un-
rivalled Table. Duly qualified Surgeon carried.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, 1st February, 1904.

STEAM TO CANTON.

THE New Twin Screw Steel Steamer.

Tons. Captain

"KWONG CHOW" ... 1,309 ... J. P. MARTIN.

"KWONG TUNG" ... 1,238 ... H. W. WALKER.

Leave Hongkong for Canton, at 9 every

evening (Saturday excepted).

Leave Canton for Hongkong about 5.30

o'clock every evening (Sunday excepted).

These Fine New Steamers have unexcelled

Accommodation for First Class Passengers and

are lit throughout by Electricity.

Passage Fare—Single Journey ... \$4.

Meals \$1 each.

The Company's Wharf is a short distance

West of the Harbour Master's Office.

SHIU ON S.S. CO., LTD., and

YUEN ON S.S. CO., LTD.,

No. 8, Queen's Road West,

Hongkong, 10th January, 1905.

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EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN STEAM-
SHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE,

(Calling at Timor, Port Darwin and Queens-

land Ports, and taking through Cargo

to Adelaide, New Zealand,

Tasmania, &c.)

THE Steamship.

"EMPIRE,"

Captain Helms, will be despatched as above,

on TUESDAY, the 14th February, at Noon.

This well-known Steamer is specially fitted

for Passengers, and has a Refrigerating Cham-

ber, which ensures the supply of Fresh Provi-

sions, Ice, etc., throughout the voyage.

This Steamer is installed throughout with the

Electric Light.

A Stewardess and a duly qualified Surgeon

are carried.

N.B.—To assure the additional comfort of

passengers the steamers of the Company have

electric fans fitted in staterooms.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.,

Agents,

Hongkong, 8th February, 1905.

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HONGKONG-CANTON LINE.

THE British Steamship

"YING KING,"

Captain E. I. Page, of 1,088 tons, Registered,

is the newest, fastest, and most luxuriously fur-

nished steamer on the line and is lighted,

throughout with Electricity; hot and cold water,

service. The cuisine is unexcelled.

Leaving Hongkong every MONDAY,

WEDNESDAY and FRIDAY EVENING,

at 9 P.M., and returning from Canton, every

following evening at 5 P.M.

1st Class ... \$3.00 for Single Journey.

2nd " 1.50

Meals 1.00 each.

The steamer's wharf is at the Western end

of Wing Lok Street.

YUK ON S.S. CO., LTD.,

No. 216, Wing Lok Street.

WENDT & CO.,

Canton Agents.

Hongkong, 24th June, 1904.

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EXCURSION TO MACAO.

THE Splendid Steamer

"YING KING."

Captain Page, will make an EXCURSION

TRIP TO MACAO, on EVERY SUNDAY,

leaving the Company's wharf at the end of

Wing Lok Street, at 3.30 A.M., and returning

from Macao at 7.30 P.M.

The Steamer will lay alongside the S.S.

Perseverance's wharf at Macao.

FARE:

1st Class Single Ticket \$2.00, with Cabin \$3.00

Return \$3.00, " \$5.00

Tiffin and Dinner may be had on Board

at \$1 each meal.

YUK ON & CO., LTD.,

S. A. NORONHA,

Macao Agent.

Hongkong, 2nd September, 1904.

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HONGKONG-MACAO LINE.

S.S. "WING CHAI,"

Captain T. AUSTIN, R.N.R.

Hongkong, 2nd February, 1905.

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BRITISH INDIA STEAM NAVIGATION
COMPANY, LIMITED.

FROM RANGOON AND STRAITS.

THE Company's Steamship

"PENTAKOTA,"

having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees

of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their

Goods will be delivered from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge or remaining

on board after 4 P.M., FRIDAY, the 3rd instant,

will be landed at Consignees' risk and expense

into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon

Wharf and Godown Co., Limited, at Kowloon

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Mails.



THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

STEAM FOR
STRAITS, CEYLON, AUSTRALIA, INDIA,
ADEN, EGYPT, MEDITERRANEAN
PORTS, PLYMOUTH AND
LONDON.(Through Bills of Lading issued for BATAVIA,
PERSIAN GULF, CONTINENTAL, AMERI-
CAN and SOUTH AFRICAN PORTS.)

THE Steamship

"SIMLA,"

Captain F. R. Summers, carrying His Majesty's Mails, will be despatched from this for BOMBAY, on SATURDAY, the 11th February, at Noon, taking Passengers and Cargo for the above Ports in connection with the Company's S.S. *Britannia*, 6,525 tons, from Colombo, Passengers' accommodation in which vessel is secured before departure from Hongkong.Silk and Valuables, all Cargo for France, and Tea for London (under arrangement) will be transhipped at Colombo into the Mail steamer proceeding direct to Marseilles and London; other Cargo for London, &c., will be conveyed from Bombay by the R.M.S. *Macedonia*, due in London on the 25th March, 1905.Parcels will be received at this Office until 12 M.^o the day before sailing. The Contents and Value of all Packages are required.

For further Particulars, apply to

E. A. HEWETT,
Superintendent,
Hongkong, 30th January, 1905.

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For Sale.

FOR SALE OR TO LET,
AT THE PEAK.

NOS. 2 AND 3, GOUGH HILL.

A N-ELEVEN-ROOMED HOUSE with Dressing, Drying and Bath-room; partly furnished; distant thirteen minutes by chair from the tram; fitted with superior baths and with hot and cold water; large Kitchen; Laundry and Servants' Quarters. Can be used as one dwelling or divided into two.

For Particulars and Terms, apply to—
SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.
Hongkong, 30th December, 1904. [197B]

FOR SALE.

INCANDE-
SCENT,
Gasoline,
Lamps of all
descriptions
from the best
makers.Incandescent
Mantles,
Chimneys,
Globes,
Shades,
&c., for
Gasoline and
Gas Lamps
at the most
moderate
prices.Lamps fixed
up for Buyers
free of charge.Naphtha of
the best kind
kept in stock.TAI KWONG CO.,
56, Lyndhurst Terrace,
Hongkong, 16th November, 1904 [154]

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TO LET.

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BEDROOM, furnished or unfurnished,
optional board with English family, home
comforts, healthy and central locality.

Apply—

"T."
C/o This Paper.

Hongkong, 7th February, 1905. [218]

TO LET.

G OWN No. 3, New Praya, Kennedy
Town.

Apply to—

THE HONGKONG LAND INVEST-
MENT & AGENCY CO., LD.
Hongkong, 21st November, 1904. [71]

TO LET.

N O. 1, STEWART TERRACE,
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Hongkong, 26th March, 1904. [70]

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Apply to—

THE HONGKONG LAND INVEST-
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Hongkong, 25th January, 1905. [169]

TO LET.

WILD DELL BUILDINGS, No. 147,
WANCHAI ROAD. Comfortable and
airy Flats of 2 or 3 Rooms, from \$25 inclusive
of Taxes.

And others to suit various requirements.

S. A. SETH,

Land and Estate Broker,

Dairy Farm Co., Ltd.

Hongkong, 5th January, 1905. [172]

TO LET.

EUROPEAN HOUSES, Nos. 2 to 4, 6 to 8
and 10 to 15, GAP ROAD, facing Race
Course, within reach of the Electric Cars,
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SIX FIRST-CLASS EUROPEAN
Houses in Observatory Road, Tsim
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Moderate Rental. Possession on or about
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Apply to—

ARRATOON V. APCAR & Co.,
45, Wyndham Street.

Hongkong, 6th January, 1905. [104]

NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

A FOOK & Co.,
SHIP AND HOUSE COMPRADORES,have this day
REMOVED

TO

NO. 12, POTTINGER STREET,
(opposite their old establishment).

Hongkong, 24th November, 1904. [62]

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SHARE QUOTATIONS.

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STOCKS.	NO. OF SHARES.	VALUE.	PAID UP	POSITION AS PER LAST REPORT. RESERVE.	AT WORKING ACCOUNT.	LAST DIVIDEND.	APPROXIMATE RETURN AT PRESENT QUOTATION.	CLOSING QUOTATION.
BANKS.								
Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation	80,000	\$125	\$125	{ \$1,000,000 \$7,000,000 \$350,000 }	\$1,492,554	Div. of \$1.10-@ exchange 1/9 15/16 \$16.41 for first half-year 1904.....	5 %	\$720 (\$London £75)
National Bank of China, Limited.....	99,925	\$7	\$7	{ \$175,533 \$191,973 }	\$21,668	\$2 (London 3/6) for 1903	5 1/2 %	\$38 sales
MARINE INSURANCES.								
Canton Insurance Office, Limited	10,000	\$250	\$50	{ \$1,600,000 847,339 }	\$150,492	\$17 for 1903	6 1/2 %	\$255 buyers
China Traders' Insurance Company, Limited	24,000	\$83.33	\$25	{ \$950,000 \$151,992 \$362,366 \$371,445 }	Nil.	\$4 1/2 for year ended 30.4.1904	7 1/2 %	\$58 sales
North China Insurance Company, Limited	10,000	\$15	\$5	Tls. 800,000	Tls. 217,119	Final of 10/- making \$1 for 1903	8 %	Tls. 95 sellers
Union Insurance Society of Canton, Limited	10,000	\$250	\$100	{ \$1,000,000 \$172,749 \$80,311 \$846,773 }	\$3,078,997	\$35 for 1903	5 %	\$700 sellers
Yangtze Insurance Association, Limited	8,000	\$100	\$60	{ \$1,000,000 \$37,794 }	\$486,284	\$12 for 1902	8 %	\$160
FIRE INSURANCES.								
China Fire Insurance Company, Limited	20,000	\$100	\$10	{ \$1,000,000 \$125,675 }	\$329,047	\$6 dividend & \$1 bonus for 1902	7 1/2 %	\$93
Hongkong Fire Insurance Company, Limited.....	8,000	\$250	\$50	{ \$1,170,288 }	\$371,110	\$22 1/2 for 1902		